



**CITY OF LONG BEACH
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE
COMMISSION ON YOUTH AND CHILDREN
JULY 23, 2008**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Turrentine called the meeting of the Commission on Youth and Children (CYC) to order at 5:07 p.m., in the Parks, Recreation and Marine administration building's large conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, roll call was taken, and a quorum was confirmed.

Present: MacKenzie Martin, 5th District Youth, Co-Chair
Rebecca Turrentine, Education, Co-Chair

Chelsii Summerville, 4th District Youth, Co Vice-Chair
Mary Soth, Early Childhood Development, Co Vice-Chair

Helen Ingram, *Education*
Marty Isozaki, *Job Training*
Kelly McDonnell, *3rd District Youth*
Jon Meyer, *LBUSD Board of Education*

Ana Mora, *9th District Youth*
Marc Rothenberg, *Juvenile Justice*

Absent: *Excused – Jeanetta McAlpin, Social Services*
Excused – Roselin Michael, 8th District Youth
Excused – Victor Perez, Health
Jessica Quintana, Parent

VACANT, *1st District Youth*
VACANT, *6th District Youth*
VACANT, *Youth Enrichment*

VACANT, *2nd District Youth*
VACANT, *7th District Youth*

Staff: Sherri Nixon-Joiner, General Recreation Superintendent, Community Recreation Services, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine
Marla Camerino, Clerical Support, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine

Guests: Tom Modica, Government Affairs Manager
Kelly Parker, House of Mercy Ministries and Youth and Gang Violence Prevention Task Force

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Co-Chair Martin and seconded by Commissioner Ingram to approve the June 25, 2008 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

III. COMMENTS: TIME GIVEN TO THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSIONERS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE COMMISSION. EACH PERSON WILL BE ALLOWED 3 MINUTES UNLESS EXTENDED BY THE COMMISSION

Ms. Kelly Parker stated that she was attending the meeting on behalf of Dr. Lydia Hollie. Ms. Parker invited the commissioners to attend a meeting on how to raise emotionally, healthy children on August 11, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This meeting is being held in collaboration with Long Beach City College, Pacific Coast campus. Ms. Parker stated that Dr. Hollie is looking forward to future collaborative efforts with the CYC.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT TO THE COMMISSION

A. Monthly Citywide Services Report to Commission

Ms. Nixon-Joiner stated that the report was attached to the monthly packet.

B. Boards and Commissions Handbook

Ms. Nixon-Joiner stated that staff attended a training at City Hall, which was conducted by the Mayor's office in collaboration with the City Clerk's office. Ms. Nixon-Joiner distributed the handbook that was received at the training. Ms. Nixon-Joiner asked the commissioners to review the handbook.

At this time Co-Chair Turrentine reordered the agenda to bring forth Agenda Item VIII.A.

A. Government Affairs – Presentation from Tom Modica, Government Affairs Manager

Mr. Modica thanked the Commission for inviting him to the meeting. Mr. Modica spoke to the Commission on legislative issues that affect youth in Long Beach.

Mr. Modica informed the Commission that the 21st Century Community Learning Centers was slated for a \$300 million reduction, but was put back into the budget. He also informed the Commission that the Budget Conference Committee approved to have an initiative put on the ballot asking for voters for more funding flexibility to remove the guarantee that Proposition 49 – After School Education and Safety Program be funded. The Assembly and Legislature have not approved this initiative nor has the Governor signed it.

Mr. Modica informed the Commission that every year, we as a City, put together a Proporzations Request to the federal government, where we ask for direct money and ask our delegation to assist us. Each year a number of requests are put together for funding that the City needs and are specific of what is being asked for. One request is the Gang Intervention and Prevention program, which targets at risk youth and another request is for the Long Beach Youth Career Academy, which targets at risk youth, as well as other youth.

Mr. Modica stated that he would send a current copy of the State and Federal Agendas for the Commission to begin reviewing.

At this time, Co-Chair Turrentine returned the floor to Ms. Nixon-Joiner, who continued her discussion on Agenda Item IV.B.

C. Ethics Training – Required by December 31, 2008

Ms. Nixon-Joiner stated that with the exception of Commissioner Mora, all commissioners are required to complete the Ethics Training and distributed information on how to access the website.

- Ms. Nixon-Joiner will find out if any training classes are being offered within the City.

D. CYC Policy and Procedure Revisions

Ms. Nixon-Joiner stated that a few changes had to be made in order to make the CYC's Policies and Procedures in compliance with the Long Beach Municipal Code.

Recommended Action: Approve changes to the CYC Policy and Procedure manual as discussed and agreed upon.

Commissioner Meyer moved to approve the changes as amended. Commissioner Soth seconded the motion.

An additional revision was made to the CYC's Policies and Procedures.

The motion to approve the CYC Policies and Procedures as amended carried unanimously.

E. CYC Officer Nominations

Ms. Nixon-Joiner distributed a list of positions that are up for election. Co-Chair Turrentine opened the floor for nominations for the positions of Co-Chair – Youth and Adult, Co Vice-Chair – Youth and Adult, and Youth and Adult members of the Executive Committee.

Commissioner Soth was nominated for the Co-Chair adult position.

Commissioner Summerville was nominated for the Co-Chair youth position.

Co-Chair Turrentine was nominated for the Co Vice-Chair adult position.
Commissioner Mora was nominated for the Co Vice-Chair youth position.

Commissioner Meyer was nominated as the Adult Member of the Executive Committee.

No youth was nominated as the Youth Member of the Executive Committee.

V. CO-CHAIRS REPORT TO THE COMMISSION

A. Co-Chair Turrentine

Co-Chair Turrentine distributed two reports that she thought the commissioners would be interested in reviewing.

B. Co-Chair Martin

Co-Chair Martin reported that she attended the Executive Committee meeting.

VI. REPORTS

A. Standing Committees

1. **Executive Committee** Co-Chairs Turrentine and Martin, Co Vice-Chairs Soth and Summerville, Commissioner Meyer

Co-Chair Turrentine stated that the Executive Committee met to discuss tonight's agenda.

2. **Public Relations Committee** - Commissioners McAlpin, Rothenberg, Summerville, and Turrentine

This committee did not meet.

B. Special Committees

1. **Long Beach Youth Fund Committee** - Commissioners McDonnell, Martin, Michael, Summerville, Ingram and McAlpin

Co-Chair Turrentine stated that the Commission has an action to take regarding the youth commissioners to monitor the youth projects that received the grant.

Co-Chair Martin stated that the recommendation would be to pair the youth commissioners to monitor the projects with the new youth commissioners that are coming on board and will be divided amongst the youth.

A. Long Beach Youth Fund Recipients

Recommended Action: Assign and approve youth commissioners to monitor the youth project that were recipients of a grant award.

Co-Chair Turrentine made a motion to pair the continuing youth commissioners with the new youth commissioners that are appointed and assign them a group of projects. Commissioner Meyer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. **Profile Committee** Commissioners Soth, McAlpin, Summerville and Mora

A date was set for the next Profile Committee.

C. Standing Item Reports

1. **District Level Youth Advisory Councils - Report on DLYAC meetings**

Youth Commissioners in attendance stated that their Youth Advisory Councils are dark for the summer.

2. **Youth and Gang Violence Prevention Task Force** - Commissioners Rothenberg, Summerville, and McDonnell

Commissioner Rothenberg updated the Commission on what took place at the Task Force's monthly meeting.

3. **Safe and Smart After School Sustainability Committee** - Commissioners Turrentine, Meyer

Commissioner Meyer updated the Commission on what is going on with the Safe and Smart After School Sustainability Committee and mentioned an article that he wrote for the Press Telegram.

D. Non-Committee Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Meyer expressed his concern in recruiting youth commissioners for the Commission. He wanted to know if it would be possible to put the power of the Mayor behind it in some way. Commissioner Meyer stated that with enthusiastic, vigorous participation by a youth commissioner that would guarantee a personal meeting with the Mayor and a personal letter of recommendation from the Mayor in terms of their value of their service to the City as part of the college application process. Commissioner Meyer has agreed to speak with the Mayor about this issue.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. City Health Officer – Presentation by Helene Calvet, M.D.

The commissioners were informed that Dr. Calvet would be attending the August meeting to make her presentation.

B. Budget

The Commission was informed that staff is working on getting someone from the City Manager's office to make a presentation on the budget.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Government Affairs – Presentation from Tom Modica, Government Affairs Manager

This item was previously discussed.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Co-Chair Turrentine adjourned at 6:21 p.m. to the next regular scheduled meeting on Wednesday, August 27, 2008, at 5:00 p.m.

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